

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1177

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Martin Middle School cheerleading squad on winning the 2010 National High School Cheerleading Championship Junior High Championship of the Universal Cheerleaders Association.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Martin Middle School cheerleading program is renowned for its athletic facility in the world of competitive cheerleading; and

WHEREAS, the Martin Middle School cheerleaders achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2010 season, capped by their victory at the Universal Cheerleaders Association's National High School Cheerleading Championship Junior High Championship; and

WHEREAS, during the nationally-televised event held at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida, on February 13, 2010, these remarkable cheerleaders awed the crowds with their strength and grace, while duly impressing the judges as they showcased their talents, which have been developed through many hours of strenuous practice; and

WHEREAS, evaluated on tumbling, partner stunts, pyramids, jumps, dance, and cheer, the talented and athletic individuals of this magnificent squad bested eleven of the finest teams in the country; and

WHEREAS, in November of 2009, these enthusiastic supports of school spirit also won first place at the Mid-South Regional Competition in Memphis, qualifying for the most prestigious cheerleading championship in the country; and

WHEREAS, the Martin Middle squad's championship season would not have been possible without the astute knowledge and leadership of Coach Fran Spears and Assistant Coaches, Europe Hall and Laura Leahy; and

WHEREAS, this year's Martin Middle School cheerleading squad is comprised of Kendall Alexander, Lakyn Bell, Alex Bynum, Morgan Curlin, Alexis Grady, Natalie Hurst, Shannon Keating, Amber Kirby, Jada Long, Libby Lowry, Amanda Lund, Autumn Moss, Madi Nelson, Hannah Simpson, Bailey Swaim, Macy Thompson, Chelsea Thweatt, Carlie Vowell, Brianna Weidenbach, and Savanna Willis; and

WHEREAS, the Martin Middle School cheerleading squad epitomizes all that is good in today's student-athletes, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a stellar triumph, but also surely bode well for their success in future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Martin Middle School cheerleading squad for their outstanding performance and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we do hereby honor and congratulate Coach Fran Spears, Assistant Coaches Europe Hall and Laura Leahy, and the entire Martin Middle School cheer squad on their exceptional legacy, their individual and collective resolve, and their triumph as the Universal Cheerleaders Association's National High School Cheerleading Championship Junior High Champions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.